Trafficking of women in Delhi

2279. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Faridabad based NGO recently reported that Delhi has become a major destination for trafficking of women and children;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the NGO (Shakti Vahini) had put Delhi high in the list of globalized centres of flesh trade; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government of India intend to take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the problem of trafficking of women and children in Delhi and has taken a number of steps to check this menace. The Indian Missions in countries from where call-girls are reportedly coming to India grant visas to young women only after a personal interview in which their family background and their interest in tourist places in India are ascertained. Production of return ticket showing date of return is insisted upon in such cases and frequency of their visits is monitored. Besides, Delhi Police keeps a watch on hotels, guest houses and other probable places from where operators of flesh trade are suspected to be working as also on the persons previsously involved or suspected to be involved in such activities; and conducts raids, *inter-alia*, on hotels, guest houses, farm houses, massage parlours, parks and other public places.

Brothels running in Delhi

2280 SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are aware that International brothels are running in Delhi under the Grab of Massage Parlours;

(b) how many massage parlours have been raided in last one year and how many call girls have been arrested;

(c) whether Government are taking action to stop the open advertisements of these massage parlours; and